

# INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY



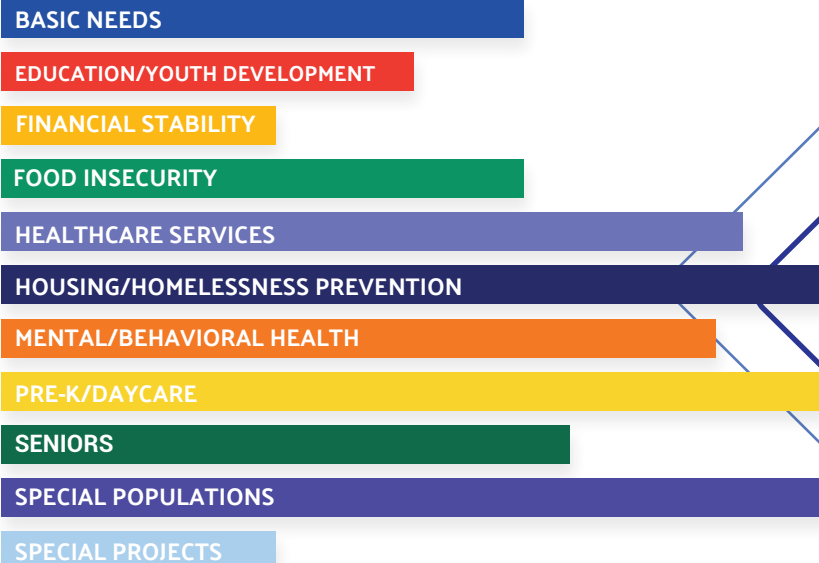
Our vision for Chester County is a community where all residents have opportunities to achieve a vibrant and healthy quality of life. Last fiscal year, our total community investment was **\$1,711,251** through grants to agencies, special initiative funding and donor designations. Below is a brief overview of our impact:

- **2,508** tax returns were prepared through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA), generating an economic impact of nearly **\$4 million**
- **60** successful Mobile Home Tax Reassessment appeals completed, bringing the total to 1,052 reassessments
- **320** individuals received financial coaching, counseling, and other supportive services from our Financial Stability Center
- **62** individuals trained or additionally certified in life-saving CPR/AED workshops
- **51** unique organizations utilized our new building space, saving them an estimated total of **\$64,270** in rental fees and related expenses
- **19** students graduated from Leadership Chester County and gained valuable business, leadership and entrepreneurial skills
- **\$245,000** raised for our Community Impact & Innovation Fund and food insecurity programs through special events, Live United in Music & Chester County Stronger Golf Classic

We are proud of the work we accomplished, but know there is more work to be done. Learn how you can help us accomplish our mission and get involved by visiting [www.UnitedIsTheWay.org](http://www.UnitedIsTheWay.org).

ALICE remains our target population. These are working families and individuals with income above the Federal Poverty Level, but not high enough to afford basic household necessities. Below are the essential categories that we provided funding for through our Community Impact & Innovation Fund:

## 2023-2024 COMMUNITY IMPACT & INNOVATION FUND



### GRANT RECIPIENT HIGHLIGHT: WEST CHESTER AREA SENIOR CENTER

At 88, Joe was living in an isolated and unsafe home without running water or heat. Lacking proper kitchen facilities, transportation, and income, his health and well-being were rapidly declining. With help from a United Way funded program, Joe was assigned a case manager who found him safe, affordable housing with a fully functioning kitchen. Now a daily member of the West Chester Area Senior Center, Joe enjoys nutritious meals, connects with friends, and participates in health and wellness programs. The center also introduced Joe to an audiologist, who fitted him with hearing aids, significantly enhancing his quality of life. Today, Joe is thriving, thanks to the comprehensive support he receives.